



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of**

**Date:** October 10, 2002

**To:** Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

**Subject:** **Amending Title 12, Chapter 244.190 Reinspection Fees**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council amends Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, section 244.190, Reinspection Fees, as provided in the attached.

**Prepared or Submitted by:** JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director

**Approved by:** Merwyn Larson, Deputy Director Inspections

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**Presenters in Committee:** JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director  
Housing Inspections Services

**Financial Impact:**

**X** No financial impact: Action is within current department budget.

**City Goals:** Build Community: Through education & enforcement of the Housing Maintenance Code, Housing Inspection Services works with residents and businesses in the City to preserve existing housing and improve community livability.

### **Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The reinspection fee ordinance was passed in December of 1992 and was implemented 1993. Since 1993 the cost of sending an inspector to a property has increased over the past ten years. Every property owner gets two **no charge** inspections, anything more, they would be charged \$100.00 for each additional inspection. Owners could still ask for extensions and we would honor most of these requests. The whole idea here is to increase the incentive for owners to comply with housing code violations within reasonable time and save resources by not doing unnecessary inspections. This will allow housing inspectors to spend less time on excessive reinspections and more time on initial inspections throughout the city.